

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 7-20 are all of the claims pending in the application.

I. Summary of the Office Action

Claims 9 and 19 are newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 1-4 and 7-20 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

II. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner rejected claims 9 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicant hereby amends claims 9 and 19 to recite, “the item is stored in at least one of a memory and a storage device.” Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments are supported at paragraph 029 of the specification.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 9 and 19, as amended, are directed to apparatuses and recite tangible features such as a memory/storage device. Applicant thus respectfully submits that claims 9 and 19 are directed to statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-4, 7, 9-16, and 18-20 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the applied non-patented document *Ten Minute Guide to Windows NT Workstation 4.0* (hereinafter “*Windows*”) in view of *Balabine et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,937,406).

Claims 8 and 17 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *Windows* in view of *Balabine*, and further in view of *Mac OS X: The Missing Manual* (hereinafter “*MacOSX*”).

Applicant hereby amends independent claim 1 to recite, *inter alia*, the following features:

when the request is found invalid, rolling back the request, [...]

wherein the rolling back the request includes removing an entry for the request from a library server transaction table

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references, both separately and in combination, fail to teach or fairly suggest rolling back a request that is found invalid, and removing an entry for the invalid request from a library server transaction table.

According to an exemplary embodiment of the claimed invention, a recovery module allows for recovery of transaction errors (*see* paragraph 044 of the specification). More specifically, paragraph 066 of the specification describes rolling back an invalid request, according to an exemplary embodiment of the claimed invention:

The invalid request may then be rolled back. In particular, upon receiving notice of an invalid request, library server database 202 may update transaction table 206. For example, library server database 202 may remove the entry for the invalid transaction from transaction table 206. In addition, library server database 202 may roll back any changes made to information in index table 204. Library server database 202 may then notify application program of the invalid request. Subsequently, application program 200 may also notify the user at client 102 that the request was invalid and could not be performed.

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references do not teach or fairly suggest rolling back an invalid request, nor do they suggest removing an entry for the request from a library server transaction table.

At least for this reason, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 is patentable over the combination of *Windows*, *Balabine*, and *MacOSX*.

Independent claims 9, 10, and 18-20 are amended to recite features similar to the features discussed above with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims

9, 10, and 18-20 are patentable over the combination of *Windows*, *Balabine*, and *MacOSX* at least for the reason discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Applicant further submits that claims 2-4, 7, 8, and 11-17 are patentable over the combination of *Windows*, *Balabine*, and *MacOSX* at least by virtue of their dependency on claims 1 or 10.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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